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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Being a supporter of Microsoft, I feel as though Microsoft was penalized

for its greatness. Bill Gates is a brilliant man and thus, I am not surprised that he is the owner of a brilliant business as well. In this

case, it seems as though he has endured this lengthy and needless litigation due to the fact that the competition could not keep up. Bill

Gates is clearly at the top of his industry and he should not be punished for having the best product.

I am confident that this settlement was not easy on Microsoft. I am sure that you are aware of the restrictions and obligations that Microsoft has agreed to and I hope this is enough to end this case. I am certain that this settlement will serve not only the best interest of the software industry but also the consumers as well.

I appreciate your time in listening to the public opinion. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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